

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP RCE
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Ming Bo Wang et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1638
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Application No.: 10/780,638)	Examiner: Russell Kallis
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Filed: February 19, 2004)	Confirmation No.: 2125
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**SUBMISSION ACCOMPANYING A
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2007, applicants submitted a Notice Of Appeal on April 22, 2008. The period for filing an appeal brief having been extended for 5 months to November 22, 2008 (a Saturday) by petition submitted concurrently herewith, applicants now timely submit a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, requesting reconsideration of the application on the basis of the attached evidence and the following remarks: